



Instructions for Immigrant Visa Applicants

Rangoon

Unobtainable birth certificates

Your birth record may not be obtainable. Some reasons are listed below.

- Your birth was never officially recorded.
- Your birth records have been destroyed.
- The appropriate government authority will not issue one.

Please obtain a certified statement from the appropriate government authority stating the reason your birth record is not available. With the certified statement you *must* submit secondary evidence. For example:

- A baptismal certificate that contains the date and place of birth and both parent's names providing the baptism took place shortly after birth
 - An adoption decree for an adopted child, or
 - An affidavit from a close relative, preferably the applicant's mother, stating the date and place of birth, both parent's names, and the mother's maiden name.
 - THE CITIZEN VERIFICATION CARD (NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD) ISSUED TO CITIZENS AND RESIDENT FOREIGNERS LISTS A PERSON'S NAME, ALIASES, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, SOME ALSO INCLUDE THE FATHER'S NAME.
 - SCHOOL DIPLOMAS (HIGHSCHOOL CERTIFICATES) SHOW THE NAME OF THE GRADUATE'S PARENTS.
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